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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 690 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$1326.
 - \$702 for 39 total claims over 20.
 - \$624 for 8 independent claims over 3 .
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 2146.**

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Box: Missing Parts

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/608,066; Filed: June 30, 2000
For: **Compositions and Methods for Enhanced Sensitivity and Specificity
of Nucleic Acid Synthesis**
Inventors: Astatke *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.4990001/RWE/CEJ
Art Unit: 1643

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts;
2. An original Declaration for Patent Application executed by inventors;
3. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO-SB-17) (*in duplicate*);
4. Our check no. 29150 in the amount of \$1,472.00 to cover the following fees:
 - \$710.00 Basic Filing Fee;
 - \$312.00 Total Claims in Excess of 20; 1x
 - \$320.00 Independent Claims in Excess of 3; 7x
 - \$130.00 Surcharge for Late Submission of Declaration; and
5. One (1) Return Postcard.

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It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

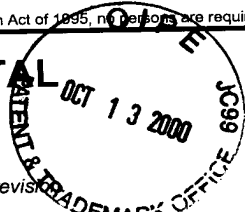


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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2001

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Complete if Known

Application Number	09/608,066
Filing Date	June 30, 2000
First Named Inventor	Astatke et al.
Examiner Name	To be assigned
Group Art Unit	1643
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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)1,472.00

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 Deposit Account Name: Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox P.L.L.C.

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Applicant claims small entity status See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	710	201	355	Utility filing fee	<u>710.00</u>
106	320	206	160	Design filing fee	_____
107	490	207	245	Plant filing fee	_____
108	710	208	355	Reissue filing fee	_____
114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee	_____

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 710.00

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra	Fee from below	Fee Paid
<u>59</u> - 20** =	<u>39</u>	X <u>18</u>	= <u>312</u>
Indep. Claims <u>7</u> - 3** =	<u>80</u>	X <u>80</u>	= <u>320</u>
Multiple Dependent	<u>0</u>		= <u>0</u>

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	80	202	40	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	270	204	135	Multiple dependent claim
108	80	209	40	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$) 632.00

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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee paid
105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	<u>130.00</u>
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	_____
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	_____
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	_____
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	_____
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	_____
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	_____
116	390	216	195	Extension for reply within second month	_____
117	890	217	445	Extension for reply within third month	_____
118	1,390	218	695	Extension for reply within fourth month	_____
128	1,890	228	945	Extension for reply within fifth month	_____
119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal	_____
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	_____
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	_____
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	_____
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	_____
141	1,240	241	620	Petition to revive - unintentional	_____
142	1,240	242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	_____
143	440	243	220	Design issue fee	_____
144	600	244	300	Plant issue fee	_____
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	_____
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	_____
126	240	126	240	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	_____
581	40	481	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	_____
146	710	246	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	_____
149	710	249	355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	_____
179	710	279	355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	_____
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	_____

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SUBMITTED BY

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Signature		Date	Oct. 13, 2000		

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